operations, the security forces have been rendering aid to the Civil Administration in natural calamities and undertaking many civic action programmes to thwart the militants propaganda.

देश में शिक्षित बेरोज़गार व्यक्ति

1778. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में शिक्षित बेरोज़गारों की संख्या में निरन्तर वृद्धि हो रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान शिक्षित बेरोज़गारों की राज्य-वार संख्या कितनी-कितनी थी, साथ ही ऐसे व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें रोजगार प्रदान किया गया है;

(ग) शिक्षित बेरोज़गारों की संख्या में वृद्धि और रोज़गार उपलब्ध कराए गए शिक्षित व्यक्तियों की संख्या का अनुपात क्या है; और

(घ) सरकार सभी शिक्षित बेरोज़गारों को कब तक रोजगार उपलब्ध करवा देगी?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०पी० वीरेन्द्र कुमार): (क) राष्ट्रीय नमूना सर्वेक्षण संगठन द्वारा किये गए नवीनतम पंचवर्षीय सर्वेक्षण के अनुसार 15 वर्ष एंव इससे अधिक उम्र के शिक्षित बेरोज़गार व्यक्तियों का प्रतिशत जो 1987-88 के दौरान 11.86% था घटकर 1993-94 के दौरान 9.56% हो गया।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

(घ) 8वीं एवं 9 वीं योजना में 2002 ई० तक लगभग पूर्ण रोजगार की स्थिति प्राप्त करने की नीति की परिकल्पना की गई है।

Right of Secret Ballot to Workers

1779. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are committed in their Common Minimum Programme (CMP) that they would enact a law, guaranteeing right of secret ballot to workers for determining collective bargaining agency in industrial enterprises;

(b) if so, the reasons for not implementing this important commitment made to the working class; and

(c) whether Government would introduce a Bill during the Monsoon Session of Parliament on this vital recommendation in CMP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Common Minimum Programme has stated that the rights of trade unions will be respected and recognition of trade unions will be required to be done through secret ballot. Ministry of Labour had constituted a Bipartite Committee on comprehensive Industrial Relations Bill. The issue of recognition of Trade Unions through Secret Ballot was referred to this Committee. The Bipartite Committee however did not make any recommendations regarding recognition the Trade Union through Secret ballot.

(c) No, Sir.

Level of Minimum Wages in the Country

1780. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the existing level of minimum wages in different States and wage level maintained by the Central Government; and

(b) the details of revision of minimum wages since 1990, as notified be different State Governments and Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) A statement indicating the existing range of minimum rates of wages for unskilled category of workers in different States/ Union Territories is given in Annexure. *[See Appendix 181. Annexure No. 46]*

(b) The information regarding the details of periodic revision of minimum rates of wages by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for all the different scheduled employments is not being maintained. The Central

Government is responsible for fixation/ revision of minimum rates of wages in respect of 40 scheduled employments. A statement indicating the dates of their revision and the existing rates of wages is annexed.

Exempting the Workers from ESI Scheme

1781. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some companies are offering better medical facilities to their workers, than those being offered under the ESI Scheme; and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering a proposal to exempt the workers in such companies from ESI scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The ESI Scheme provides for grant of sick leave on half pay for a period upto 91 days in a year. In the case of chronic illness the extended sick leave is also granted on 70 per cent of the pay for a period of up-to 2 years. In the case of death superior benefits seeks exemption disablement due to employment injury the scheme provides for payment of monthly pension at the rate of 70% of the wages. In addition, the ESI Scheme also provides for full medical care and certain other benefits to the I.Ps and their families. Generally the benefits provided under the ESI Scheme taken in their totality are comprehensive and better than the benefits offered by individual establishment coverable under the ESI Act. However, if any establishment providing similar or the same is considered on merit by the appropriate Government in consultation with the ESI Corporation.

Employment of Unorganised Labour in Maharashtra

1782. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for employment of unorganised labour in different industries in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDERA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Government of Maharashtra have indicated that they have established a High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister of Maharashtra and comprising of renowned experts from various fields to frame a concrete time-bound special programme for employment and self-employment generation so as to have maximum participation of the job-seekers in the economic development of the State and to provide them with regular and steady income sources and to motivate them for self employment, the High Level Committee appointed 8 separate sub-groups on the following subjects so as facilitate the work:-

1) Education, 2) Agriculture, 3) Dairy Development and Food Processing, 4) Rural Development and Cottage Industry, 5) Industry, 6) Hotel and Tourism, 7) Construction, and 8) Service Sector. These sub-groups have had separate meetings and have submitted their reports. The High Level Committee has contemplated over these reports and has accepted the reports after carrying out necessary amendments.